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COMMERCIAL CLUB COLUMN • NOT A "HELLER" IN BOX, BURGLAR SAYS •

Dope on the Ashland auto-camp was furnished to a special writer who is preparing an article on Oregon auto-camps for Portland papers under the auspices of the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Several seekers for a place to enjoyably spend the winter have inquired concerning tents and accommodations available.

Boosting for Ashland is R. M. Heath's patriotic occupation in his spare time. He recently returned from service in the army of occupation and is working until next spring in Huntington, Ind., after which he will return to Ashland where he owns a place.

More auto-camp data was supplied the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce which is inaugurating a campaign for more and better auto-camps and is using Ashland as a "good example" for other Oregon cities to follow. From appearances Ashland will have to get busy to maintain that "best auto-camp on the coast" reputation.

Telephone company troubles and users' joys can be read between the lines of the new order of the Public Service Commission. They sent us the complete line-up on new rates, etc.

Breaking into Sunset Magazine with a story of the Ashland auto-camp is one of our present ambitions and is being materially aided by Touring Bureau officials of the Goodrich Rubber Company.

BARGAINS in sawmills, many kinds of textiles in large quantities, cell-cotton (whatever that is), a garment press, cell-dimming compounds and other things are offered in this week's list from the Zone surplus supply office of the army Look over the list.

G. H. Sturges, Shoshone, Idaho, inquired concerning chances for opening a picture show or electrical repair and appliance shop. Was informed as to conditions here.

W. C. Hunter of W. C. Hunter Co., Ames, Iowa, was furnished with general information concerning city and business conditions. Is in "Women's Ready to Wear" business and was given data concerning number of such establishments in this city. As in all cases of inquiry concerning business opportunities, Mr. Hunter was given straight facts, was not advised to plan on locating here but was urged to look the situation over himself if possible to come to Ashland.

Mr. E. H. Harris, Madison, Neb., has been in correspondence with this club for some time and has been furnished all information requested. He is in the pharmacy business but intends to go into business less confining. Is seeking milder climate than at present home. Inquires concerning pieces of land near Ashland, Ashland residence lots and choice business locations. Has subscribed to Tidings and is keeping in close touch with conditions here.

Mr. Carl Tobey, 1118 Washington street, Redlands, Calif., is an auto mechanic who would like to locate here. Would be interested in any kind of a job to get started.

Mrs. W. S. Bell, Sunnyvale, Wn., furnished general information.

The Photomobile Tourist Co. of Seattle, are giving us a full page of Ashland publicity in their 1920 Photomobile Tourist Book which will be placed in the hands of thousands of sightseers. The total cost to Ashland is \$10 for cuts to be used on the page. Incidentally we get the cuts to use in our new folder which is being prepared. They have promised us a copy of the book which will be available for inspection some time in January.

The United States Department of Agriculture sends us an interesting booklet entitled "Horticultural Exhibitions and Garden Competitions," which will be of much interest to any organization considering such affairs. It is a most complete forty page booklet, replete with illustrations and giving full plans for exhibitions and competitions such as might easily be staged here.

The Social Realm

Missionary Society

The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary society of the Presbyterian church met at the home of the president, Mrs. F. J. Shinn, on Oak street yesterday afternoon. The following topic, "Persia and Syria," was dispensed with, while the home topic "Utah" was ably discussed by Miss Mabel Russell.

Long-Cut Wedding

The marriage of Miss Nellie Culy and Arthur Long, both of Ashland, took place in Grants Pass Thursday, December 18. After the ceremony the bride and groom came to Ashland and are visiting at the home of the bride's father, G. C. Culy. They will reside on a ranch near Grants Pass.

Newlyweds Visit Ashland

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Shirley of Dunsmuir are stopping at the Hotel Austin for a few days this week. They were united in marriage at Jacksonville Wednesday, December 17. Mr. Shirley is a prominent electrician of Northern California, while the bride was formerly Miss Rose Werth. They will reside at Etna Mills, Calif.

DAYTON, O.—A porker has got Charlie Golebas guessing. He rescued the 250-pound pig when it fell off a truck speeding past his home. Now the shot is eating three square meals a day off Golebas, who has asked the police what to do.

REPORT OF LOCAL PATRIOTIC FUND

To the Subscribers to the Ashland Patriotic Fund:

In May, 1918, our city and vicinity was canvassed for subscriptions to what was designated as "The Ashland Patriotic Fund," and subscribers were asked to make their payments monthly or at such intervals as would meet their convenience. Soliciting teams made a thorough canvass and the total amount subscribed was about \$20,230.

We the undersigned to whom as a board of directors was entrusted the collection and distribution of this fund beg to report as follows:

Total subscribed\$20,230.00
Total cash collected\$18,849.56

Deficit, uncollected \$1,380.44
This uncollected shortage of \$1,380.44 is accounted for as follows:

1st. During the year several subscribers died and your board did not feel that their estates should be asked to complete the payments.

2d. In a number of instances subscribers were made by young men who, later, were called to the colors and, of course, these subscribers were excused from further payments.

3d. Several subscribers moved to other localities and the board, assuming that these people would be expected to support similar activities in their new homes, felt they should be relieved of any further obligation to contribute to our fund here.

4th. The balance of the shortage is accounted for in the failure or deliberate neglect of some few subscribers to make good on their pledges. We feel that all sources of the shortage considered, the deficit of \$1,380.44, a little less than 7 per cent of the total amount subscribed, is a good showing. For your information we now submit an itemized statement of the disbursement of the total amount collected, viz: \$18,849.56 as furnished by our secretary, Mr. F. J. Shinn.

Salvation Army war fund	\$40.00
United War Work fund	6,950.00
Armenian Relief fund	1,567.00
Second Red Cross drive	5,000.00
Y. W. C. A.	100.00
Salvation Army fund	2,500.00
Y. M. C. A.	300.00
Ashland Band	250.00
W. C. T. U.	200.00
So. Oregon Chautauqua	1,000.00
Pac. Coast Rescue and Protective Society	50.00
Ashland Branch, American Legion	314.36
Nation Wide Boy Scout Movement	28.75
Expenses, printing, etc.	49.45
Total	\$18,849.56

It will be noted that the total expenses incurred in the administration of this large fund were only \$49.45, a record in which we feel a pardonable pride.

We feel that all subscribers to this fund may congratulate themselves on having helped to carry out successfully one of the best movements ever inaugurated in Ashland.

This war-chest plan enabled us to promptly meet every demand made on southern Jackson county and in several of the quotas assigned to us we were the first in the state to respond.

It saved the time and labor of those who would have had to help in the many drives that would have been required to meet the various calls on us. It saved subscribers the annoyance of repeated calls from solicitors. It saved hundreds of dollars of expense that would, under separate drives have been required in advertising, hall rent, speakers' expenses and innumerable detailed

County Farm Bureau Holds Annual Meeting

A large and enthusiastic group of men and women met at the public library in Medford yesterday for the annual meeting of the Jackson county Farm Bureau.

The Commercial clubs, banks and business men's associations of the valley had been invited to send representatives and the response was general, there being a considerable number of business men present. They went away feeling that the Farm Bureau has made a good showing. They caught the farm Bureau spirit and can be counted on to boost for an institution that which has made Jackson county richer by many thousands of dollars, and promises to become a very important factor in the development of the county.

The report of the secretary treasurer was an interesting feature of the meeting.

It showed how a successfully conducted campaign against the digger squirrel had saved to the county in grain and fruit somewhere between \$30,000 and \$50,000.

It made favorable mention of the Ashland Egg Society started in Ashland, that has received state wide notice and recommended that the Farm Bureau work to organize the whole county for handling eggs in a similar manner.

The report showed that the Bureau in the last three months had sold to the farmers nearly 300 tons of sulphur, one car load of nitrate of soda, one of wheat, two of superphosphate, beside shipping 23 cars of live-stock to Portland. The amount of business for these three months totaled \$81,000 with a saving to the farmers of Jackson county of \$16,000.

It was brought out that through the increased production that could result from the use of fertilizer furnished to the farmers, at a price that they could afford to pay, together with the saving effected by poisoning the digger squirrels that

there is in the banks of Jackson county at least \$100,000 that the Farm Bureau is especially responsible for in increased production.

A broad constructive program was outlined for 1920, and there is no doubt but that the bureau will make the county close to a quarter of a million dollars in the year before us.

Miss Poole, the home demonstration agent, gave a report of the work done in that department. This is the women's and children's part of the Farm Bureau movement and is meeting with enthusiastic support all over the county. Much of the work done cannot be measured in dollars and cents, but the report showed that a number of thousand dollars had been added to the wealth of the county through this agency. The most interesting phase of the report was the work along the line of child welfare. The Home Demonstration agent brings to the home the same intelligent care of children that the farmer has been giving his calves and pigs for the last two years.

The meeting declared very decidedly for the continuation of this work and it was agreed that the manhood of Jackson county must hang their heads in shame were they to allow this work to be discontinued. A large number volunteered to appear before the county court on December 22 and urge them to make the appropriation necessary to continue this work.

President Albert C. Joy of Ashland had asked that, in view of the fact that he had given his time to the work for two years, and that he felt that he could not give the added amount of time and effort that the enlarged field of work would require, that the nominating committee should not consider him for re-election. Mr. Mansfield, a prosperous and extensive farmer of Butte Falls, was elected to head the work of the Bureau for 1920.

Big Community Tree For Christmas Eve

expenditures incident to and unavoidable in each separate drive.

We believe too that the plan was satisfactory to subscribers as it enabled them to count definitely on their expenditures in support of the various war activities. Your committee has received the valuable help and cheerful co-operation of so many persons and organizations that we will make no attempt at detailed acknowledgment but we heartily thank all for their aid in this undertaking.

Respectfully submitted,
E. V. CARTER, Chairman.
MRS. F. S. ENGLE.
MRS. C. B. LAMKIN.
GEO. A. BRISCOE.
CHARLES A. EDWARDS.
F. J. SHINN.

Ashland, Ore., Dec. 18, 1919.

U. S. CHICKENS MAKE FRANCE GAY

(By the United Press)

SOISSONS, France.—(By Mail.)—"American chickens make life a little gayer in France," the peasants here say, regarding the efforts of the American committee for Devastated France to aid the stricken people of the Aisne district.

And they meant it, too, for the proud clucking of hens and the lordly crowing of roosters are the first sounds that greet the tourist when he visits the war-torn villages of the Aisne valley. For the American committee has really carried out its slogan to "re-chickenize" France.

American dimes and quarters received here daily are going into the fund to put "pep" in the poultry business in France. In the last three months women wearing the French blue uniforms of the Committee for Devastated France distributed 8451 in their charge. In addition they have established two chicken farms in the interior of France, capable of producing 2000 chickens a month for use solely in the devastated regions.

Following the policy of the American committee to aid and not to pauperize the people of the Aisne, the chickens are sold at half-price, the present rate of sale being 16 francs. Money sent from America makes up the remainder of the cost price. Incubators, more-over, are installed in a number of towns down on the front.

Besides chickens, Americans put 105 roasts in the Aisne—to furnish milk for war-babies—1,500 rabbits, as well as ducks and cows, to furnish food and give a business start to many a French "Tom Sawyer."

It is to be hoped that the fine weather that has ushered in Christmas week will continue over Wednesday night in order that the whole community, young and old, big and little, can be present at the community tree exercises to be held on the Plaza Christmas eve. This will be the first community Christmas tree ever held in Ashland. The custom has prevailed for several years in larger cities, particularly in the east, where, no matter if the snow is waist deep and thermometers hover around the zero mark, all the inhabitants turn out to assist in the celebration, for this is frequently all the Christmas joys many little children enjoy.

While this is not the case in Ashland, the arrangement has been planned to combine the usual celebration in the individual Sunday schools into one great and glorious observance. The big tree on the Plaza will be honored this year with the usual decorations that have been given smaller trees in the various churches, and all will unite in making this event a most joyous one.

A decorating committee has been selected to trim the tree and have it in readiness for the exercises which will begin at 7:30 sharp Christmas eve. Christmas hymns and carols will be sung and appropriate exercises will be given.

Prisoners Broke Jail At Glendale

SAN FRANCISCO.—Fired by his ambition to see more of the world, James Thompson, the only man at large with new interstitial glands, has broken jail in Oregon and departed for parts unknown. This word was received by State Parole Officer Whyte from the Chief of Police of Glendale, Oregon. The telegram stated Thompson and Eugene Loomes broke jail without outside help and left no trace.

Ever since Thompson was paroled from the San Quentin prison he has been a source of anxiety to Whyte. Once dull and morose he is now like a "tin lizzie with a ninety horsepower engine," according to Whyte. He can not be kept "on the road." Thompson broke parole shortly after leaving San Quentin. He was arrested at Glendale December 13. He received the new glands from the body of a prisoner hanged at the prison.

LONDON.—A swarm of bees interrupted trading in an Iford confectioner's store, settling on the cakes and sweetmeats, and defying all efforts to eject them for several hours.

Mr. H. L. Lundeen, Orland, Calif., was, at his request supplied with a soil survey showing land in Bear Creek valley north of Ashland and with information concerning irrigation projects.

A. R. Hower, Idaho, Idaho, says altitude there is too high for him. He says, "I have a good farming outfit here, stock and machinery and we have 634 acres of grain land and would exchange for smaller tract of land suitable for diversified farming. Want good land under cultivation and plenty of pasture."

"Is there any opportunity to rent for crops?"

Is there plenty of work and what are wages?

"Can a man buy on long time payment and pay for farm in crops?"

Are there any state or school lands for sale? State terms and agent."

Mr. Hower was a former neighbor of E. E. Stark who moved to this country in 1912 or 1913.

This club furnished him with general information and answers

number of questions but told him that really firms of the city and landowners would be requested to furnish him with information concerning prices of lands, etc., as requested above.

Mr. T. C. Dean, Glen Ullin, N. D., with whom this club has been in correspondence for some time, writes, "Have been receiving literature and information from other sections of your state as well as other states and believe I am more interested in your section than any of the other places. I am still interested here in the range business (we have the Ford and Fordson contract) and if I can sell or trade it for property in your section I will locate with you. I would like to get into dairying or stock-raising of some kind as that is what I was raised at. I would have probably \$5000 to invest if I sold my share of the business. Could I get a place for that amount that would assure me of a good living. My family consists of myself, wife and three children, oldest 11 years."

He may come out to investigate and spend three or four months looking around. Would be interested in places on which he could start in dairying or stock-raiding.

A rotary student loan fund has been inaugurated by the general board of education of the Presbyterian church in the United States to aid deserving youths to attend college who otherwise would be denied this privilege. The initial gift of \$20,000 for this fund from the Caroline Willard estate, Auburn, N. Y., was announced today from Presbyterian headquarters, 155 Fifth avenue, New York.

A minimum of \$50,000 is sought for this purpose with a maximum of \$100,000. The rotary loan fund is not part of the Presbyterian New Era increase, but antedates the movement. Mrs. Willard's gift being arranged for by will in 1915. Plans are being perfected to make this fund a great asset to all worthy Presbyterian students in college or graduate students.

The money is loaned irrespective of the profession which the student will enter, provided he gives promise of Christian usefulness. The student must, however, be recommended by the session of the Presbyterian church of which he is a member and by the institution which he attends.

GRANTS PASS, Or.—Work has proceeded steadily in rocking the Pacific highway near Wolf Creek, where the hill from the top of Stage Coach pass to the S. P. tracks at Wolf Creek station is well towards completion.

This insures a good road from the top of the hill at Glendale to Grants Pass for early spring traffic with the exception of the new grade over Smith hill, where the contractor is keeping two shifts going on the steam shovel grading the new roadway. Between the Josephine county line and the town of Rogue River, where Contractors Schell & Calvert are working several trucks carrying rock for surfacing, the road is now pretty well covered, insuring fair traveling during the winter. The detour is being used between the town of Rogue River and the new bridge at Rock Point, although the highway rocking is nearly complete on this stretch.

The new bridge at Rock Point is practically complete, excepting the fills for approaches and is a beautiful structure.

Contractor Albert Anderson is progressing rapidly on the overhead bridge across the S. P. tracks near Tolo, and this slight break in the paving will be completed in early spring, making a solid stretch of paving from Ashland to Gold Hill.

On the whole Pacific highway there is probably no more strikingly beautiful view than that suddenly bursting on the tourist as he tops Blackwell hill, three miles south of Grants Pass.

The Rogue River valley spreads for miles between the mountains, with orchards and meadows, surrounded on all sides by mountains and lower lying hills, covered with green pines and firs. Standing as a sentinel, the towering cone of Mt. McLoughlin, better known by the old name of Mt. Pitt, deeply clothed in white, dominates the view.

The scene is one of indescribable grandeur. As one drops down the hill, the cities of Medford, Ashland, Central Point and Jacksonville gradually work into the picture.

SELL CHEAPER OR I'LL OPEN A RETAIL STORE

SAYS MANUFACTURER

LAWRENCE, Mass.—William M. Wood, president of the American Woollen company, served notice on retail business men of this city that unless prices of commodities essential to living were marked down sharply and within a short time he would set up a retail store organization here on a large scale to supply employees of the company with groceries, provisions, fuel, clothing, hardware and other articles.

Mr. Wood said that it was useless to raise wages and find the effect lost in an increasing cost of living. "I am acting from a Christian point of view," he said, and added that having no wish to drive local merchants out of business he would give them "a reasonable time to re-adjust their prices."

NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGN REACHING ITS CLIMAX

The nation-wide campaign of the Episcopal church, under way the country over since December 1, rapidly is coming to its climax all along the western coast.

Oregon, for local reasons peculiar to itself, has been a bit backward, but no fear is felt that it will not wholly make good. Washington now fairly is romping in. The mountain states of the western province, as well as the southern districts all are reporting satisfactory progress.

"We congratulate ourselves on our move to Ashland this winter during the recent cold weather," remarked W. Y. Miller, who came here with his family from Lake county this fall to place his children in school. Mr. Miller was asked yesterday if this weather was not as bad as that he was supposed to have escaped from east of the Cascades.

"We consider ourselves much better off here," he remarked further. "With all the snow there was no wind to pile in drifts, and the thermometer did not register so low. We are delighted with Ashland and think this is a fine city in which to live."

George Henry Young died at his home Friday, December 19, 1919, at the age of 74 years. The deceased had been an invalid for the past two years and his death was not unexpected. Funeral services will be held from the Stock undertaking parlors tomorrow, Sunday, afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. C. A. Edwards of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Young is survived by his wife, Madam Tracy Young, the noted pianist of this city.

THE CITIZENS BANK OF ASHLAND

Christmas Bills Paid By Check

The safe, practical and convenient way to pay bills is by check.

Now is a good time to start a checking account with The Citizens Bank of Ashland, and be ready for Christmas shopping.

4% ON SAVINGS DEPOSITS

We will have here today, sure, some small sizes in Children's Felt Slippers and some Indian Moccasins

The Boot Shop

ASHLAND, OREGON